



Hello!

My name is Sergio Castillo, and just last May I graduated from Christian Brothers High School. Now I'm finishing up my first year at UC Davis. It's been quite the journey.

My CB story began when, as an eighth-grader, I came to Open House. I told my mom, "I'm going there." She's a single parent, and finances have always been tight. So it was kind of "I don't know how that's going to happen but let's try for it!" We filled out the application and the financial paperwork and hoped for the best. Thanks to tuition assistance and the generosity of alumni like you, I could come to CB and I did.

I truly would not be the person I am today without tuition assistance and without the opportunities offered by CB.

CB was extremely generous when it came to me. **And that changed my life.**

Sometimes I think about who I would be if I'd gone to any other high school, and I picture myself in other schools. Would I be the same person I am today? And I think, great thing I came here. **Thank God I came here.**

The greatest thing I learned at CB was to see the face of God in others, something that really took ahold of me during my junior year. I actually saw my faith at work. Senior year as a part of the Lasallian Youth, I tutored kids at the school next door to CB. We got to exemplify a community of care and love for those students. It was something I was really passionate about, sharing a sense of support and community.

I know that somewhere along the line, a person like you gave so that I could receive. **I want to give back over my lifetime at least as much as I received. Hopefully I'll give back much more.**

Tuition assistance was a game changer for me. It made my school life possible. I made the most of it! I got to take part in dances, in student leadership, and in athletics. I was a part of the men's volleyball team, which won the first CIF San Joaquin Section title in CB history my senior year! I ended up making friends on that team that'll last a lifetime. Because of tuition assistance, I received a great education that prepared me well for my university studies.

I recently made a donation of a whopping \$10 to CB. To be honest, I'm a college student, and I don't have a lot. So I looked in my bank account and thought, "Let's see what I have." And I had \$11. So I could give \$10! You know, it's what I had!



At graduation with Ms. Natalie Reyes-Boylan '09 and Mr. Dave Anderson '07.



Presenting a golden diploma to my great uncle Vicente "Bolivar" Moran, '67 at last year's Alumni Dinner.

I'd received such a generous amount of aid at CB.

And I thought, this \$10 is the start. Why wait? Why wait?!

The history of the school is being changed by people donating money towards students' academics, and athletics and toward everything they are getting involved in at school. You don't know who you'll help, but you can trust that it'll make a difference in somebody's life, being allowed to go to this school.

I see clearly that my CB story didn't end at graduation. Now my CB story will *continue* as a person who gives back. To put it simply, I want other students to have the same opportunities that were offered to me. To help somebody else to take that next step in academics, or to take that next step in athletics.

If you haven't given in a while, or if you're wondering if you should, I say "do it!" Your donation really does change people's lives.

Gratefully,
Sergio Castillo '17



Here I am with friends at our graduation last June.